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Research and Creative Activity

Prioritize NDSU's status as a Carnegie R1 institution.

**Goals, Timelines, and Outputs**

**Goal 1:** Generate co-developed strategic research priorities between the Colleges and the Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) as an investment roadmap.

- Timeline for action: Spring/Summer 2025
- Outputs:
  - Development of a shared vision for NDSU's research strategy; aligning goals and identifying strategic opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and research growth; and aligning funding strategies.

**Goal 2:** Pilot near-term supports for faculty in the context of Post-Tenure Review offered by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA)

- Timeline for action: Spring 2025 - Spring 2026
- Outputs:
  - Cohort-based learning and support materials/sessions to support faculty in their post-tenure review phase.
  - Generate and eventually increase faculty participation at support sessions.

**Goal 3:** Build and strengthen research partnerships that align with the priorities and capacities identified by regional Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).

- Timeline for action: Ongoing
  - Outputs:
    - RCA webpage offering best practices for projects with Tribal Nations/Colleges.
    - Offer workshops and webinars to enhance researchers' knowledge of regional TCUs.
    - Identify activities, initiatives and programs with TCUs determine if a central website landing page for such information would be useful.

**Goal 4:** Pursue the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Innovation and Economic Prosperity (IEP) Program designation.

- Timeline for action: Currently in process, final submission estimated January 2027
- Outputs: Workplan outline (February 2025), Communication plan and launch (February – May 2025), Stakeholder survey data and focus group interview reports (2026), self-study reflection report and IEP designation submission (2027).

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